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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Clarkson et al.  
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Edgewater, New Jersey 07020  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a homogeneous solution.
5. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 65:35.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 75:25 and the solubility promoter comprises an organic amine.